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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

HONGXIAO LI.

Plaintiff,

V.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES, SAN
FRANCISCO ASYLUM OFFICE

Defendant.

Case No. 3:25-cv-00135 WHO

**STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS;
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

The parties, through their attorneys, hereby stipulate and respectfully request the Court to stay proceedings in this case for a limited time, until September 19, 2025. The parties make this joint request because they are pursuing an administrative resolution that may render further litigation of this case unnecessary.

1. Plaintiff filed this mandamus action seeking adjudication of her Form I-589, Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) scheduled an interview for May 22, 2025. USCIS will work diligently towards completing adjudication of the I-589 application, absent the need for further adjudicative action or unforeseen circumstances that would require additional time for adjudication.

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2. Plaintiff agrees to submit all supplemental documents and evidence to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the agreed upon scheduled interview. Plaintiff agrees that failure to timely submit this evidence may result in the rescheduling of the interview at no fault of USCIS.

3. If needed by Plaintiff or her dependent(s), Plaintiff shall bring her own interpreter to her asylum interview. *See* <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/affirmative-asylum-applicants-must-provide-interpreters-starting-sept-13>. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to bring an interpreter to her interview may result in the interview being rescheduled at no fault of USCIS.

4. Upon receipt of the Asylum Office's decision, Plaintiff agrees to voluntarily dismiss the case.

5. The parties agree to bear their own litigation costs and attorney fees.

Accordingly, the parties stipulate and request that the proceedings in this case be stayed until September 19, 2025, at which time the parties will file a joint status report with the Court. At that time, the parties may request a further continuance of the stay of proceedings, dismissal of the litigation if appropriate, or placement of the case back on the Court's active docket. A stay of proceedings in this case will benefit the parties and conserve the Court's resources while the parties pursue a potential administrative resolution.

Dated: March 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted,¹

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¹ In accordance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), the filer of this document attests that all signatories listed herein concur in the filing of this document.

1 Dated: March 11, 2025

2 /s/ Michael Chen
3 MICHAEL CHEN
Attorney for Plaintiff

7 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

8 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Date: March 12, 2025

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11 WILLIAM H. ORRICK
United States District Judge